



SUNDAY, MAY, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and  
Good Samaritan Offering

9:00 AM

Adult Study

10:00 AM

Worship Service

11:00 AM

Fellowship

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)

## Pastor's Ponderings

In a world where so many feel isolated and lonely, we remembered in worship on Sunday that the Church's welcome is a powerful source of comfort and healing. Considering the fellowship of God's self, known to us as The Trinity, we recognized the power of our fellowship is that it reflects God's own giving and receiving of love in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The welcome of our church makes a difference for we all need to know,  
**We Are Not Alone.**

I hope you'll take a moment to soak that in as you listen to the song by Pepper Choplin, "We Are Not Alone." The first link is the song movingly performed by a talented high school choir and the second stirring version by a Mennonite congregation's choir.

[We Are Not Alone, God Is With Us \(feat. Rex Putnam High School a- Choir\) - YouTube](#)

["We Are Not Alone" by Pepper Choplin at Sandy Ridge Mennonite - YouTube](#)

*Please, Be Well -  
Pastor Nona*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM APRIL 30, 2023

Please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we can support each other in specific prayer requests. Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

*Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!*

We give thanks for the success of another Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert, and for all those who gave their talent and time to make it so.

Prayers with Phil and Marilee Calabrese on the death of Marilee's mother, Mildred (Millie) Loughhead this past weekend. Prayers of strength and healing for Phil as he continues to fight a cancer diagnosis.

Our prayers surround all those who will gather for Art Beebe's Memorial Service at 10:30am this Saturday.

Prayers for continues healing as Phil Dewey deals with shingles.

We pray for our college students, many of whom are finishing up the spring semester in the next couple of weeks!



### 2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>2023 Giving Goal</b>	<b>\$240,690</b>
<b>2023 YTD Giving</b>	<b>\$103, 215</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**April 30, 2023**

- ◇ [Audio/Video link](#)
- ◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

**Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them**, more books arriving May 2nd!!!



A reminder that we are still collecting per capita for 2023. What is per capita? It's a voluntary per member collection that is taken each year which enables ministries across the country and the world and supports the health of the PCUSA church. These ministries reach congregations, mid-councils, and general assembly work in many ways. The denominational per capita rate approved by the 225th General Assembly is \$30 per member for 2023. If you have already submitted your per capita donation, we thank you! If you have not, please prayerfully consider doing so.

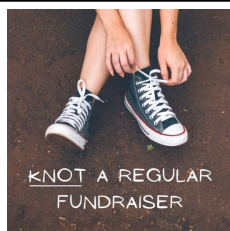
If you would like more detailed information about per capita and how it is used, please follow this link:

[Minimalist annual report \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org/minimalist-annual-report)

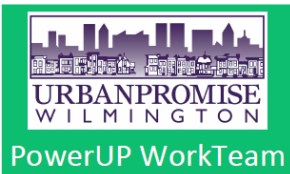
Envelopes are available on the back tables in the Sanctuary.



The Garage, with its lively and intentional ministry to middle school and high school youth is one of LBPC's primary mission partners. We support them with a monthly home cooked meal and will be expanding our hands-on support in other ways in the Fall. At its recent meeting the Missions Committee designated \$2500 of the annual Missions Budget to support The Garage's Empower to Explore fundraising effort. With a series of innovative programs, The Garage will be empowering youth to explore new experiences in the coming year - from riding a roller coaster to working a summer job to visiting college campuses looking to their futures. Be sure to pick up a copy of The Garage's Annual Report at the Church this Sunday.



Hi friends! Cooper Coat's gymnastics team is doing a fundraiser collecting shoes. If you have any old or unwanted shoes (kids, adults, sneakers, flip flops, anything except things with wheels, holes or blades) please consider donating! We will have a collection box set up in the Social Hall.



We are *delighted* to announce that the 2023 LIFT mission experience will take place right in our own backyard **the week of July 31st –August 4th!** Each morning LIFTers will meet at LBPC and carpool over to Urban Promise where a variety of service opportunities await. At the end of the week, youth will enjoy a lock-in here at LBPC where they can share their stories and celebrate their week! Who knows, maybe even their own talent show!

Don't think you can make the whole week? No problem! Participate when you can. We will just need to know ahead of time so we can schedule accordingly. More details are forthcoming. Oh, and your friends are welcome to join us as well!

For more information about the Urban Promise PowerUp Summer Experience, click [HERE](#).

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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church presents:

# PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

**A VBS Experience for  
Children age 5-10  
July 31- August 4, 2023  
9am-12pm**

**FREE**

**SPACE LIMITED REGISTER NOW!**

Using various types of puzzles, we will explore how we connect, "fit together" and work together for one common purpose. Have fun with jigsaw puzzles, mazes, cubes, problem solving, escape challenges, and more!

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**Summer will be here before we know it, so it's time to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School!**

**Registration is now open!! Click the QR code on the flyer above or use the link:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/26tk42a3>**

**Hard copy registration forms are available at the church, and you may register by phone by contacting Candace Smith at 302-897-2469.**

**We also need VOLUNTEERS!! Sign up sheets are located in the Social Hall, or click on this Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044DA8A62AA4FE3-pieces>**

**And finally...if you have marketing skills or suggestions, the Nurture Committee is seeking VBS marketing help! Please contact Candace [candacesmithevents@gmail.com](mailto:candacesmithevents@gmail.com) or Carla Major [waage1976@gmail.com](mailto:waage1976@gmail.com). Thank you!**



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The Connect Committee is getting organized with subcommittees focusing on *Invitation* (visitors), *Membership* (Pastoral Care, new member integration, fellowship) and *Communications*.

The Membership group is responding to the initiative put forth by Session to strengthen our connections to one another in the congregation through an annual series of events. And of course, we always welcome friends and family to join in too!

We have lots of fun ideas about things we could do together but we need to know which ones sound best to you! Help us firm up plans for summer and fall by completing the check list below.

And if any of these subcommittees peak your interest, please let Pastor Nona or any member of Session know so we can get you connected!

Thank you!

X	Shorter Day Trips	X	Longer Day Trips
	Winterthur		Ephrata Cloister
	Longwood Gardens		Cocalico Museum
	Nemours		Strasburg Train Museum
	The Hagley Museum		Amish Farm Museum
	Blue Rocks game		Sight and Sound Theatre
	Marshall Steam Museum		Intercourse, PA
	Philadelphia Museum of Art		Odessa, DE
	Rodin Museum		Batsto Village/Coming Glass Works
	The Bames Museum		Farm Museum in NJ
	The Philadelphia Masonic Temple		Canoeing on Bass River
	Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site		Statue of Liberty
	Washington's Crossing		Tenement Museum
	Play or Ballet		The Met Cloisters
	Movie Night at the church		

X	Overnight Trips
	Mt. Vernon
	Monticello
	Annapolis
	Retreat (church, family, men, women)

Please put an "X" in the columns by the fellowship opportunities you would participate in yourself, and if you would invite a friend along, give it a double "XX".

Thank you!!

Please return your completed survey to the basket in the Sanctuary.

# CALENDAR

## MAY 1ST —MAY 14TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
5/1/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
5/2/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
	12:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Bee Watchers
5/3/2023	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
5/5/2023		Church Office Closed
5/6/2023	10:30 AM	Art Beebe Memorial
5/7/2023		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
5/8/2023	1:00 PM	Food prep for The Garage
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
5/10/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
5/11/2023	6:00 PM	LIFT
5/12/2023		Church Office Closed
5/14/2023		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	10:15 AM	LIFT Church School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

## **MAY 2023 Readings**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 7**

Acts 7:55–60

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 14**

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

### **Ascension of the Lord—May 18**

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 21**

Acts 1:6–14

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

### **Day of Pentecost—May 28**

Acts 2:1–21 or Numbers 11:24–30

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 or Acts 2:1–21

John 20:19–23 or John 7:37–39

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

**05/03 Georgia Coats**

**05/04 Owen Coats**

**05/07 Kieran Connolly**

**05/08 Sandra Paul**

**05/10 Sean Kennedy**

**05/10 Emma Main**

**05/10 Molly Main**

**05/13 David Heckman**

**05/16 Debra Ventura**

**05/19 Bruce Ringstrom**

**05/22 Emily Coons**

**05/26 Sally Kephart**

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

**05/05 Edward Nass & Debra Ventura**

**05/17 Emily & Matthew Kmecz**

**05/24 James & Maret Headley**

**05/25 Michael Csuy & Linda Bronson**





**Join us every Wednesday  
at 6 PM in the Social Hall  
for Dinner with the Word!**

After sharing a simple supper, the group will be talking about a chapter from Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them through the month of May.

Then...

Gather for rehearsal with Jr. Choir, Handbells or Sr. Choir.

If you would like a copy of the book, come by the church office or pick one up on Wednesday.



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